

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

Greetings and Welcome

Thank you for worshiping with us today! If you are visiting, please fill out one of our welcome cards by the offering boxes so we can get to know you better. If you would like to share a prayer request, you may do so on a card and place it in the box.

*Prelude sung by the Faith Singers – “It Really is Amazing Grace,”
arr. Crowder, Smith, Wickham*

GATHERING

Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and

by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

**Gathering Song – “Christ, the Life of All the Living” ELW 339*

- 1 **Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Christ, yourself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:
through your suff'ring, death, and merit life eternal I inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.**
- 2 **You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me;
for you chose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.**
- 3 **Then, for all that bought my pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore,
for the anguish in the garden, I will thank you evermore;
thank you for the groaning, sighing, for the bleeding and the dying,
for that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.**

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Praise: “Saved by Grace” with the children

Sa-a-a-a-a-aved by grace.

Through-oo-oo-oo-oo-oo-oo our faith. (Repeat)

S-A-V-E-D B-Y, G-R-A-C-E. (Repeat)

WORD

Reading: Leviticus 16:20-22

Reader: Liddy Stark

²⁰“When he has finished atoning for the holy place and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall present the live goat. ²¹Then Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the iniquities of the Israelites, and all their transgressions, all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat and sending it away into the wilderness by means of someone designated for the task. ²²The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a barren region, and the goat shall be set free in the wilderness.

Reading: 1 Peter 2:23-25

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:* John 1:29-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Song – “All My Days”

1 All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

**2 I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer, I will sing of the blood that never fails;
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed, of death defeated and life without end.**

*Refrain: Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor, clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life, Star of the Morning, glorious holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion, and You reign, You reign over all!*

**3 I long to be where the praise is never ending,
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;
Where countless worshippers will share one song,
And cries of 'worthy' will honor the Lamb! Refrain**

Sermon: "God Provides Forgiveness and Salvation"

Song of the Day – "Crucified with Christ"

*Refrain: I've been crucified with Christ. Oh Christ alive in me.
And the life I live, I live by faith in the Son who died for me.
I've been crucified with Christ. Oh Christ alive in me.
And the life within my body now's the life He lives in me.*

**I bring nothing but a heart that's full of sin and ripped apart
and I can't even make a start of walking in Your way.
But in Your cross Your love I'm given. On Your cross my sins forgiven.
By Your cross new life I'm living, rising ev'ry day. Refrain**

**Help me stand, I'm full of weakness. Help me speak, I'm full of meekness.
Help me shine through all the bleakness, trusting only You.
Without You, I'm just not able. Take me, Lord, up to Your table.
Feed me, fill me, Lord, enable me to follow You. Refrain**

**Crucified with Christ. Crucified with Christ.
Crucified with Christ. Crucified with Christ.**

Refrain

**The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,

and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

"Lamb of God," by Twila Paris
Sung by the Faith Singers

Stewardship is the spiritual practice of responding to God's grace in generosity towards God and others. If you would like to give an offering today, you are invited to come forward and place it in an offering basket. If you would like to give electronically, you can use the provided QR code.



**Offering Prayer*

P: Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Words of Institution*

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Songs

“Jesus Christ”

**1. Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice;
you became nothing, poured out to death.**

**Many times I've wondered at your gift of life, and I'm in that place once again,
I'm in that place once again.**

Refrain: And once again I look upon the cross where you died.

I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken inside.

Once again I thank you, once again I pour out my life.

**2. Now you are exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.**

**But for now I marvel at this saving grace and I'm full of praise once again,
I'm full of praise once again. *Refrain***

**Thank you for the cross, thank you for the cross, thank you for the cross, my friend.
Thank you for the cross, thank you for the cross, thank you for the cross, my friend.**

Refrain

“God Loved the World” ELW 323

1. **God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.**
2. **Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death;
All who confide in Christ alone are built on this chief cornerstone.**
3. **If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer;
Christ Jesus rescues us from death; that is the firmest ground of faith.**
4. **Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son forgives all sins that you have done,
And justified by Jesus’ blood, your baptism grants the highest good.**
5. **All glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!**

**Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

**Sending Song – “My Redeemer Lives”*

**I know He rescued my soul, His blood has covered my sin. I believe, I believe!
My shame is taken away, my pain is healed in His name. I believe, I believe!
I’ll raise the banner ‘cause my Lord has conquered the grave!**

My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives!

Repeat verse

My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives!

**You lift my burdens, I'll rise with You.
I'm dancing on this mountaintop to see Your kingdom come!
My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives!**
Repeat

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, July 26, 9:30am: Outdoor Worship **Friends from Faith**
10:45am: Lunch & VBS

Wednesday, July 29, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

Saturday, August 1, 8:00am: Cooking for
9:00am: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, August 2, 9:30am: Indoor Worship

Wednesday, August 5, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

News Updates

Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Summer Worship Schedule

We are alternating between outdoor and indoor worship services through the summer with one blended service each Sunday. Magnets with the summer schedule are available to help keep us all on track. **We will be indoors on August 2 and outdoors again on August 9.** As always, outdoor services will move indoors in poor weather, and we have solid-surface seating available on the parking lot and air-conditioned seating indoors in the Justice Room.

Faith's Little Flock — (Ages 2–7)

gathers each Sunday after the Children's Sermon (when we are inside) and returns to the sanctuary in time for Communion. There are coloring pages available for outside services.

Vacation Bible School - "At the Table"

We are using a curriculum from ELCA World Hunger called "At the Table," hearing stories of children around the world and how God is providing our daily bread. VBS will meet on Sundays after church (7/26 and 8/9). We begin with a lunch at 10:45 for children and parents. At 11:30, we will meet in the sanctuary for an opening, then parents are invited to meet in the Justice Room for discussion and fellowship as the children go to their classes. We will conclude with a closing in the sanctuary at 1:30. **Please sign your children up using the QR code on the postcard at the Coffee Sales counter, or use this link to**

access the online form (<https://forms.gle/Sov8VnSm6SpFWafk9>), **or use the Sign-Up sheet on the counter.**

Spring Altar Flowers for Faith's Gardens

We are purchasing plants or flowers for the altar that will then be planted in our church gardens. If you would like to donate a plant, the cost is \$15, and you can sign up at the podium in the Gathering Area.

Praying the Catechism

Luther encouraged utilizing the Small Catechism as a prayer partner. To assist, we are making copies of Luther's Small Catechism available to all. At the table below the Working Cross, you can find small pamphlets (suggested donation \$5) and larger study editions (suggested donation \$15). If you can't pay, you may take one for free. If you can pay extra, cover the cost for someone else.

Praying with the Psalms

The psalms are beautiful examples of prayer that can help give us voice in our prayers. To assist, we are making copies of *Praying with the Psalms* available (suggested donation \$10). These are also on the table under the Working Cross in the Gathering Area. Written by Eugene Peterson (author of *The Message*), it provides a year of daily prayers and reflections on the psalms.

Read the Bible in a Year

Join us in reading the Bible over the course of a year, **Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Faith Library**. We gather weekly to discuss our insights and reflections. We are utilizing The Bible Recap by Tara-Leigh Cobble, available on the YouVersion Bible app, to guide our journey. For more information, feel free to reach out to Pam Devlin.

VBS Sunday August 16

Come hear what the kids have been learning all summer at their Vacation Bible School sessions as we join them in music, storytelling, and maybe even a visit from Sandi the Seagull! "At the Table" is a VBS program designed by ELCA World Hunger to help our kids understand the challenges other children face around the globe, and how we can help when we work together as the church. To join in this work, we will be taking a collection for ELCA World Hunger, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America that works in over 60 countries, collaborating with congregations, international Lutheran churches, and various partners to address the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Youth Sunday August 30

Come hear what our youth have been up to this summer. They've been on mission trips and camps from Gulf Shores, Alabama to the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, and lots of places in between. While the scenery has been very different, one thing has remained constant... God's faithfulness. Our youth will tell stories of where they experienced God and served as God's hands and feet. We will take a collection to support future youth mission trips, camps, and our efforts to hire a Children, Family, and Youth Coordinator to help grow this important ministry.

Post-Service Discussions – Digging Deeper

is taking a Summer break but will resume in the Fall.